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To: USD 350 Community

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Subject: Continued Learning during School Shutdown

USD 350 Continuous Learning Plan

Due to the Governor's executive order #20-07, schools in Kansas are essentially closed for the remainder of the school year. This plan outlines how education will continue during this difficult time for USD 350 students.

Individual Classes

Teachers have developed a specific learning plan for their classroom. Most learning will be done away from school with textbooks, workbooks, and technology tools. Teachers will send their classroom learning plan to parents and students on or before March 27th. For grades 5 – 12, these plans will likely be emailed to the students' school-assigned email accounts.

Communication

As long as it is safe to do so, the school offices will be staffed. Families may still call the office with questions or for assistance. Teachers will communicate with families in a variety of ways. Zoom is an online video meeting program and will be utilized in most grade levels and classes. Email and phone calls will still be a common communication tool for teachers as well. Important information will be communicated to families through the SchoolMessenger system, the district website, and social media accounts.

Important contact information is below:

Jr/Sr High Office – 620-549-3277, Elementary Office 620-549-3518, District Office 620-549-3564

Jr/Sr High Principal Blain White – whiteb@usd350.com

Elementary Principal/Superintendent Josh Meyer – meyerj@usd350.com

On-Site Learning is Limited

Students may be allowed to come to the school to learn on a limited basis with approval from the principal and the Stafford County Health Department. In-school learning would only be allowed for special situations such as special education, industrial arts projects, etc. Students would not be allowed in the building if they are sick, have a fever, or should be quarantined according to KDHE or health department guidelines.

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Technology

Technology devices will be loaned to families to ensure all students have access to the technology required for continued learning. *These devices are school property and families are responsible for their safe-keeping.* Procedures for returning the devices will be communicated to families at a later date. Teachers can help resolve some problems with the devices, but more complicated issues will require assistance from the technology director, Mr. Watts. Families may contact him for assistance at help@usd350.com or by calling the school office.

The district will work with families that do not have internet access to ensure all students have access to virtual learning. The school district's wi-fi signal can be used near the school buildings and library. While not ideal, school learning requiring a connected device could be done in a vehicle parked near one of the buildings. In limited situations, the basement of the library or the school building could be used by students requiring an internet connection. This would require the same approval as other in-school learning.

Special Needs

Situations requiring additional student support through Special Education, Title 1, or English Language Learners will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Social-Emotional Needs and Support

School counselors will be available on an as needed basis for assistance with social or emotional issues. Zoom meetings may be used for counseling sessions if needed. Social-emotional learning resources will be incorporated into teachers' learning plans.

Contact information for school counselors:

Kim Volker – volker@usd350.com

Wendy Hacker – hackerw@usd350.com

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